

Status:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has more than 300 personnel responding to the oil spill.

During reconnaissance flights, oil was observed coming ashore at Trinity Island, La. Approximately 13 miles of shoreline was oiled in Terrebonne Bay and approximately 16 miles in Timbalier Bay.

Approximately 100 square miles of oil was observed 25 miles southeast of the Chandeleur Islands.

A long, narrow line of oil was observed eight miles southeast of Grand Isle and a large area oil slick was observed 13 miles southeast of Grand Isle. One oiled pelican was reported at Bastian Island, which was delivered to Ft. Jackson.

A large tar ball mass has broken off of a plume of oil with a trajectory of Grand Isle (currently 10 miles offshore). Skimming operations are being prepared. A total of 30 species and several active nests (least tern, willet, and mottled duck) were observed at the northern tip of Baptiste Collette, La. No oil was observed; however, it was recommended that it be protected prior to oil landfall.

Mats of weathered oil were reported along two miles of Petit Bois Island, and an increase of tar balls on Dauphin Island, which increased their status to Red (Action).

Response:

Beached bird survey teams will continue beach surveys in MS, AL, and FL. Colonial waterbird reconnaissance surveys will be conducted in the Terre Bonne area.

Weather permitting, reconnaissance and recovery operations to locate and rescue oiled wildlife will continue.

By the Numbers:

Overall personnel responding: more than 20,000

Response vessels: more than 1,900

Containment boom deployed: more than 379 miles

Containment boom available: more than 118 miles

Sorbent boom deployed: more than 397 miles

Sorbent boom available: nearly 340 miles

Oily water recovered: nearly 13.8 million gallons

Total dispersant used: more than 993,000 gallons

Dispersant available: more than 364,000 gallons

